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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: B. L. Moutteted
Yuji KAGAMI et al.)	
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For: RECORDING APPARATUS)	

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute, with traverse, the invention identified as Group II, corresponding to claims 5-11, and to claims 12 and 13 to the extent they depend from any of claims 5-11. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement as all the claims are directed to a recording apparatus. In addition, the claims of Groups I and II each include at least a cover that is pivotally movable and either a rib or a tray for holding at least part of the recording sheets. The claims of Group III also incorporate the delivery tray as part of the recording apparatus.

Accordingly, it is believed that there is significant overlap and there would be duplication of effort if we subject the above application to three independent prosecutions. Therefore, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully sought.

Favorable consideration and an early passage to issue are also requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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